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In his paper read before the Royal Geographical Society in London on the 23rd November last, Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. MANIFOLD, dealing with the subject of "Recent Central and Western China," dwelt especially on the potentialities of the Upper Yangtsze Valley and the province of Szechuen He pointed out that at present foreign commerce in Szechuen is represented by a single resident British merchant, two French, and several Japanese merchants, and there are two Chinese agencies of British firms. The province contains all the elements for a great manufacturing development. It possesses vast mineral wealth; silk, wool, and hemp offer opportunities for the development of textile industries; paper might be manufactured, and oil and sugar produced, while there is an abundance of cheap skilled and industrious labour. The rich Upper Yangtaze regions, he continued, above all others in China afford the greatest opportunity for the development of British commerce, but it is only by studying the problems of communi cation and distribution that this extensive field can be opened up to British trade. Our London evening contemporary the Globe, which always takes a keen interest in Chinese affairs, commenting on Colonel-MANIFOLD's remarks, insists that "there " has never been a time in our history when access to fresh markets was more impera-"tively necessary. In these days, when the "tariff wall is rising higher and higher " round us, and one European nation after " another closes its doors to our exports, we "must go farther and farther afield if we " are not to be starved to death while doc-" tors debate as to the symptoms and cure

" of the disease.

If the natural and

... also the artificial borriers to trade on the [ "Upper Yangtsze could be removed, a "demand for British manufactured goods would give an impetus which would be "felt through all the arteries and veins " of our industrial fabric. But to bring "about anything like an adequate expan-"sion of our trade, or to give a fair chance h for China to develop her resources, Colonel " Manipold is convinced that water transit is inadequate. The process of tranship-"ment necessitated by the rapids above | "Wau-hsien and elsewhere is a serious hindrance to trade; and it is becoming more 'and more important as the volume of " trade increases that a line of communica-" tion should be found giving greater sécurity, and a more regular and easy, means of " transit than is obtainable by witer."

If only the British, Government were as designing and far-seeing as it is credited Scal Capsule ... ... 20.00 1.70 with being in some of the rival nations of Europe, the matter would be easy. According to Russian papers, for instance, Britain is already planning to secure the sovereignty. of Tibet and by building a railway through that country to reach the head-waters of the Yangtsze. The Bourse Gazette, a prounicent Russian journal, says that what the British mean to do is to carry out their plan of a railway from India to the Pacific through the richest central provinces of China, a plan laid aside for the time being in 1899, owing to the Boer V r imbroglio and now to be resuscitated. This railway will kill the Russian Radway in the Northern Province, and will nullify the railway conshould be ordered to be decanted before structed by the French from Tonkin for the same purpose of tapping the vast resources of the rich valley of the Yangtsze. Moreover the Bourse Gazette says that not only will the British raitway kill the Manchurian line commercially, but it will nullify the strategic importance of the Russian undertaking. "India," adds the Moscow paper " is not only the basis of British trade in "Asia, it is also the centre of Great Britain's military power. At the present moment "the existing network of railways allows "the British to throw in something like seventy hours an enormous army from Delhi and Lucknow into Assam. With "the completion of a line through the "Yangtsze Valley, England will be able to " throw troops to any part of China in about "another twenty-four hours." All this sounds very plansible to anyone who only ees the British Government through the glasses of the foreign newspaper writer. But, alas! in China we only know too well how mistaken it is to credit the home authorities with foresight in Far Eastern affairs. The best hope in the present situation is that Lord Curzon is at the head of the Indian Government, and he is a practical statesman. But the question of an Indo-Tibetan railway to the Upper Yangtsze is one before which the boldest statesman must pause. We do not even know to what extent a line through Tibet would be practicable. If it be so, there is no doubt that it would offer Britain a means of regaining ber lost influence in China. If we cannot obtain some line running into Central China, there is no hope, now that other nations have secured for themselves all the best conce-sions, of our keeping even a fair share of the trade of the future in this part of the world. We must tap China from the South-west. Whether this is to be done through Yunnan or through Tibet, it is essential that we Exploration and Economic Development in | penetrate into Szechuen and on to the | be ultimate commercial extinction. Every for European trade. Other Powers are not going to wait for Britain to do the opening. It is a race, if a slow and difficult one. Private enterprise will not undertake the task-if it is not equal to the Kowloon-Canton railway, it is not likely to tackle the Yunnan line-and unless the Government steps in, no progress is possible. question, however, is a national one, of the

> The English Mail of the 5th December was: delivered in London on the 2nd inst.

highest importance, and those in authority

who neglect it will be dealing an irreparable

blow to their country.

Lord Curzon completed his tour and returned to Calcutta on the 17th ult.

next, H.M.S.S. Gtory and Leviathan meeting.

The Mania Cablenews has been honoured by the bandmaster of the 7th U.S. Infantry, who has composed a march, and entitled the same "The Manila Cablenews March "!

Capt. the Hon. C. M. B. Ponsonby, M.V.O. 3rd Grenndier Guards, Aide-de-Camp to H. E Sir Henry Blake, and second son of Viscount Duncaunon, arrived at Colombo on the 17th inst, by the French mail steamer l'olynesien. With his arrival, Sir John Keans ceased to act as A.D.C, and assumed duties as Private Secretary, a post he held here.

Another suicide is reported from Manile, 4 This time it is Corporal Gregg, Pangasinan, | ton some notes on Mr Alleyne Ireland, in con-P.I. who shot himself with his rifle, for reasons unknown.

A gang of fitteen bandits, captured in Albay, P.I., have been taken to Munila, where they are all to be hanged as soon as arrangements can be made.

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Sir Patrick, Manson was to give an address at the London School of Tropical Medicine, Royal Albert Dock, London, on the 7th De. ly in America. comber, on the importance of the health of Europeans in the tropies.

being the Feast of the Upinhany, there will be a

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 3rd January, 1994, (excluding New Year's Day) were 167 non-Chinese and 50 Chinese to the former, and 60 non-Chinese and 1,771 Chinese to the latter

The little elephant, which was the pot of the children when with Chatre's circus in Hongkong, caused much consternation on his debarkation in Manita, by starting off for a run by himself down Binondo, tumbling many natives and Chinese into the canal on his career,

In to-morrow's issue of the Daily Press there will be published the first-instalment of a new sorial story by Guy Boothby, antitled The Woman on the Derelict. Mr. Boothby's name is too well known to require any recommendation to our readers. The story will appear twice a week in our columns, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., when President of the Law Society, was asked to act for the Ministry of Justice in Siam in appointing two solicitors as probationary legal advisors to the Siamese Government. He selected Mr. H. R Lister, of Humpstead, and Mr. G. Stuart Seaton, of Llandaff, who are on their way to Bangkok to take up their duties.

According to the P. and T. Times, Chang Yen-mao's fault is selling the Kaiping Mines to the present company without obtaining permission from the Viceroy of Chili, though there was no Viceroy at the time to appeal to. At present he is only suspended, and has been given two months in which to recover the mines for the Chinese.

A new book on the conflict of the various national interests in the Far East, by the Hou. Albert J. Beveridge, United States Senator from Indiana, is announced. The work is entitled The Russian Advance, although the parallel progress of Germany is also reviewed. Senator Beveridge has made an extended tour

H.M. the King has granted Mr. Robert Bredon, Deputy Inspector-General of the Imperial Chinese Castoms, his Royal licence to accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, conferred upon him by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services rendered.

The Bourse Gazette (Moscow) announces that the recently-formed Management Mercantile Shipping and Ports has been engaged in drawing up a project whereby merchant vessels may be used as transports in case of war. The project as drawn up is said to be highly favourable to shipowners, while Yangtsze. The penalty of non-success will at the same time it will prevent the Russian Ministry of War from being charged the traveller who has visited Szechuen and its exorbitant rates which it had to pay for neighbourhood testifies to the vast opening | transporting troops to the Far East during the Chinese disorders.

> The Tokyo correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News telegraphed on the 28th ult :- It is not pleted, and the greater majority of those ships whether there shall be peace or war that now constitutes the question, but the Government in the Pacific. The remainder are to be finished is considering how to meet the worst. Marquis by the end of 1905. The vessels thus awaiting Ito, Marquis Yamagata, Count Matsukata, and | completion are:other Privy Conneillors are this forenoon examining the Ministers, and finally settling measures necessary to defray the extraordinary military expenses, and the cost of the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railway before the end of 19 4. The Elder Statesmen and the Cabinet are firmly united in the determination to make a bold stand.

The French Socialist organ, the Petit République, to which M. Jaurès is one of the principal contributors, the Paris correspondent The first match in the Association Shield of the Times says, publishes some interesting tournament will probably be played on Saturday | particulars of the Socialist movement in Japan. The writer says that their Japanese comrades are continuing, in the midst of the greatest difficulties, their Socialist propaganda and the work of organising the proletariat of the "Empire of the rising sun." The Japanese Government, alarmed at the progress of "our ideas," is extending the presecution of the principal offenders. Thus, Citizen Seu Katayama was prosecuted before the Criminal Court of Tokyo for several articles printed in the weekly organ of the party, called the Socialist, and managed by himself. That journal was confiscated by the police as being "contrary to peace and public order."

A Mr. H. C. Pearson gives the Times of Coynection with the latter's attack on the Hongkong Civil Service. Mr Ireland was simply a man, said Mr. Pearson, who tried to make as much as he could get by writing up sensations. He had as his so-called manager an American named Dr. Thorpe, of Boston. This Dr. Thorpe came to Mr. Pearson one day and informed him that Mr. Wireless telegraphy, according to the Ireland had obtained a concession of 20,000 acres of land in British North Borneo, which he wished to exploit, if he could secure the necessary capital, for its gutta-percha. Mr. Pearson declined to have anything to do with the speculation, and suggested that Mr Ireland might obtain what he wanted in England, where the people knew something about it. Mr. Pear. son thought it "a great shame " that such

man should turn on his hosts as he did.

would be shunned wherever he went, particular-

The N.-C. Daily News correspondent, under date Kobe, 24th December, telegraphs :- "The To-morrow, Wednesday, the 6th January, Taichu Maru and Fukuoka Maru, belonging to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the Chiyo Mara. Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion in Asosan Maru, Ariake Maru, and Mandensan, S. John's Cathedral at S a.m. Matins and Li- Mara, belonging to other owners, have been tany will be said at 11 a.m., Evensong at 5.39 p.m. | chartered to convey coal and supplies. There is unusual activity at the assenals and naval centres, also at Kumamoto, the headquarters of the Sixth Division of the army. There is to be an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow." The same paper's Tokyo correspondent on the 27th ult. said:-"An extraordinary meeting of the Privy Council is to be held on Monday forenoon (28th), to be attended by all the Ministers. An Imperial tiffin will be given to morrow (28th) to the Privy Councillors and Ministers. The significance of this must be apparent. In the afternoon the Ministers will discuss certain urgent

> The list of prize-winners in the competition organised by the Times in the spring of last year, in connection with the completion of the tenth edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, has been published. No fewer than 11,080 persons entered for the competition, and 5,646 of these persevered to the end and sent in answers to all the three question-papers. The Times had offered £1,000 to the purchaser who hearty send-off. could pass the best examination in its Encyclopadia Britannica; as well as other prizes for the less expert, ranging from £225 to £10. An Army tutor came out at the top in such a competition. More than 10 per cent, of the winners were clergymen or ministers. The process of compiling answers, says the Times, " has been productive alike of pleasure and profit," for, apart from the prize winning, "the work of ranging through the Encyclopædia in search of knowledge has been its own reward." finishes the apothecsis of superficial knowledge.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

H.K.C.C. y. THE NAVY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS." Rongkong, 4th January.

last week, I should be much obliged if you would through China, Japan, Siberia, and European | insert these few lines to correct the account in | had kindly given up his quarters for the evening. your youthful contemporary's issue of to-day. Because there were a number of ships in har- | tor Baker with an able corps of assistants, the bour, it does not follow that the Navy XI, was re- purchasing of gifts and delicacies for the presentative. It may have been difficult to choose delectation of the children being in the very an XI. from a great number of cricketers: but, however many were available, I should be prepared to back an XI. chosen from the Algerine, Blenheim, Cressy, Rinaldo, and Rosario against the one chosen from the ships present last Saturday. Elliott is the best Naval bowler and Moore the best bat, and Garde, Toulmin, By four o'clock a large gathering of little ones Swan, Hawkins, Mahon, Silver, and Gurner form the nucleus of a very strong side. I fully recognise the strength of the Hongkong side, of "the baring of the tree." Each little one but I contend that the Navy were far from up to their full strength."-I am, yours, etc., AN OLD CRICKETER.

### JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN NAVAL EXPANSION.

The Japan correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News writes :-

Russia's naval expansion is now nearly combuilt according to the programme are now affoat

8 ... .. 111,3 0 tons. Buttleships ... ... Cruiser... ... Torpedoes ... ...

r ubmarines ... The above does not include those belonging to the programme set out for 1903 and after. On the other hand, the following nine Japanese warships, now being built, equipped or designed, will be gradually completed after 1903:-

No. 1 ... 16,000 tons. 2 ... ...16,000 ,, 3 ... ...16,000 " Armoured Cruisers ... Cruiser Otowa Total ... 94,048 tons.

LOST.

and Shanghai Bank.

## TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

· LONDON, 1st January.

The views of the Japanese Legation yesterday were distinctly more gloomy upon unofficial advices from Paris indicating that Russia's reply was not favourable.

The Russian steamer Kazan, with upward of 1,000 picked men and artillery stores, has passed the Sucz Canal en route to the Far East; this makes 4,000 picked troops which have been similarly despatched in the last month. It is estimated at Cardiff that Russia has

ordered 250,000 tons of coal since October.

The absence of news from Japan is increasing the pessimistic view of the situation. The London papers suggest that despatches are being purposely delayed. Underwriters are demand. ing an additional premium to cover war risks

vess is proceeding to the East of Singapore. The five Russian destroyers which were recently docked at Malta have left that place hurriedly without completing repairs.

THE NEW JAPANESE CRUISERS.

LONDON, 1st January.

The two A gentine cruisers recently pur chased by Japan have been renamed the Nyssin and Karuga.

### THE HILL COMPANY.

Last night the Hill Company of World's Entertainers attracted a good house to the Theatre Royal. To-night they give their farewell performance. A special programme has been arranged for the occasion, and the Company should have a humper house and

### FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkeng Football Club will play a Naval Team. Kick-off at half-past four.

The following will play for the Club :- F. H. Kew, goal; A. N. Other and V. F. Aucott, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and J. D. Danby, halves; W. H. Williams, H. A. Brent, R. Hancock, C. R. S. Cooper, and J. Richardson,

## THE POLICE CHRISTMAS-TREE.

The police quarters at the Central station were en fête yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a Christmas-tree party to the children the members of the Hongkong Police force. S R, -With reference to the cricket match | The party was inaugurated by Captain Lyons, | C.S.P., and Mr. Hallifax, the latter of whom The arrangements were made by Chief Inspeccapable hands of Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hanson. As a result of their kindly cooperation a Christmas-tree worthy of the best Yule-tide traditions, laden with all that most appeals to the heart of childhood, stood invitingly in the middle of the verandah. had assembled, their eager, happy faces all betokening their keen anticipation of the result present received a really handsome gift from the spreading branches, while some augmented theirs by winning prizes for races in the compound. That the efforts of all who had laboured for the success of this childrens' treat had turned out eminently successful was shown by the joyous shouts and delighted expression on the faces of the happy little throng, as games, races, and prize-receiving the whole foreshore bongs to him as if it was quickly followed each other. After partaking a freehold. He mak out he got the absolute of dainty delicacies, and more substantial preperty of 125 acrest \$5.a year, that being refreshments, the party broke up at about 7 p.m. after a most delightful evening, the children showing in their farewells their great appreciation of the kindness of their hosts and hostesses.

## OUT WITH THE SHOT-GUN.

Every week our sporting friends seem to be more daring in their pursuit of birds. On Sunday they went all the way to Shaihoung situated at the northermost end of Taishan Bay. The weather was ideal; everything in fact, bespoke a pleasant outing. After the steamer had anchored some considerable distance off the shore, they made their way near to land in a large sampan, and from there to the beach in flat mud-skiffs, shoved by women. The country in the vicinity of Shaiheung village, or, as the Chinese would call Shaiheung City, was flat, with a range of hills in the background. The country-appeared to be in very good condition. Poor sport was at | could not be owd absolutely by a subject. first experienced, but, later, between four and five | Licences under woh rent, not land-tax (there-(afternoon), pigeous commenced to arrive from | fore these were of registered in the land all directions; they were returning "home" to register), was pa were issued in respect of roost in the trees. To cut a long story short, Government was land. These licences were A small pearl, diamond and red enamel pend- no less than 163 were knocked down. They of two classes linees to reclaim and licences ant, between the Cathedral and S. John's were mostly of the rock (about twice as big as to obtain some seific profit from the land. Place, on the 3rd inst. Will finder kindly a dove), and red-wing (small, about the size of a The second licees conferred no right to rereturn same to Mrs. Hawkins, C/o. Hongkong | thrush) species. Shaiheung will be visited | claim. Licences reclaim obliged the licences

Monday, 4th Junuary.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Barone Their Renours Sir William M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE), AND A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

LAND COURT APPEAL CASES. A case was called in which the Attorney Gen! eral, as representing the Crown, appealed against. a decision of the Land Court in allowing Ho-Lap Pun's claim to 125 acres of foreshore near Lyeemoon. The Attorney-General, Hon. Sir. Henry S. Berkeley, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. barrister-at-law, appeared for the Crown (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor).

Before the opening of the case,

The Atterney-General said-I lave great pleasure in wishing your Lordships at happy New Year,

The Chief Justice-The Court r ciprocate it, and wish the Bar the same.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., said this appeal was from a judgment pronounced by the Land Court in December, 1901, allowing the aspondent's claim to the absolute ownership of a large tract of seashore alleged by him to have been acquired under a grant from the Chinese Government 10 years before-in 1891. As their Loriships would recall, the Kowloon extension agreement under which we acquired the New Territory provided among other things that there should be no expropriation of the inhabitants. Pursuant to that provision the Land Court was established to enquire into the rights of the inhabitants at the date of the cession, and Section 15 of the Land Court Ordinance provided that all land in the New Territory shall be the property of the Crown. Therefore, as between the Crown and the respondent Ho Lap Pun, he Crown was clearly entitled to all rights in this land which Ho Lap Pun did not establish were entitled to

The Chief Justice-The C. ovn practically steps into the shoes of the Chinese Government. The only modifications are those created by the

Mr. Sharp said that was so The question before the Land Court was, what were Ho Lap Pun's rights at the date of the cession. The history of this case was this. In 27th November, 1891, the San On magistrae granted to the claimant certain rights for a vague troot of seashore at Mataukok. The frown said these rights amounted to a mere fishing licence. No area was specified in the gram or in any of the documents bearing the same date. A yearly rent of \$5 was to be paid for this fishing licence, and appeared to have been pad up to the date of the cession. In Novembr, 1901, Ho Lap Pun, on the strength of the licence, claimed the absolute ownership of 600 odd mow, over 125 acres, extending flong more than two miles of foreshore in the neighbourhood of Lyeomoon, and this claimwas allowed by the Land Court. Subsequently to the allowance of the claim by the Land Cort the Government decided under Section 14 ff the Land Court Ordinance not to grant a the and referred the matter for compensation. The Crown had not been represented at the hiring by the Land Court, and now for the firstime came into the case. The Attorney-Geneal on examining the evidence upon which the Lind Court had proceeded concluded that it di not in his opinion justify the judgment. To Crown at that time had no right to appeal, bu in August of 1903 an amending Ordinance as passed giving that right, and the Attorney-General obtained leave to appeal and filed affliants for the Crown, the respondent to ale any evience he thought fit in reply. In order thascertain what the respondent's rights with regard to this area were, at the date of the cession of the New Territory, it was necessity to enquire into the Chinese law, which borstpon the case, and that, he thought, their Lordips would find very fully set out in the afflivits.

The Chief Justice- [hat I understand about this case so far is tis, that owing to the representations made i the Land Court, the Land Court, instead o'deciding that he had a fishing licence for wich he paid \$5 a year (which was a very fair mmou-sense estimate of what rights he had) allowed his claim that the whole of the feshore, shutting off all access to the country.

Mr. Sharp-Yes; ir a distance of between two and three miles.

The Puisne Judge-He produced a document which they said was ood; is not that the case? Mr. Sharp said such document was produced,

but a very material oint in the evidence was that the letter was forgery. It appeared from the affidavits at all the land originally belonged to the Eperor. All the land in China might be cisidered as divided under two heads-(1) cuivated land or land built upon, and (2) Government waste. It seemed that it was only it cultivated land or land built upon that bsolute ownership in the subject could exist It must be entered on the tax register and it paid land-tax to the Government, and was the absolute property in perpetuity of tholder. Government waste land consisted maly of foreshores, sandbanks, seabeds, and land (that character, Such land to erect a sea-wi within three years and to

Next was the p celamation. The Chief Justice-In his own evidence Ho Lap Pun sậd his application was "for a fishing. ground. Private property I had nothing to do with. I only took up Government waste."

Mr. Sharp want on to say that the next document was a letter which they said was a forgery. It was a latter purporting to be privately written by the San On magistrate, and to be a a roclamation grant. It was entirely inconsistent with the producation. Another point against question up again because it was decided by the this document was that in 1841 the magistrate had clearly of jurishetion to grant a reclamation licence. Even if it were not a forgery and would have lapsed by non-use. It was obligatory to build a sea-wall within pleted and registered within six.

The Chief Justice remarked that in his application for a grant of this land the claimant said he had loog resided in Kowleon and earned his livelihood by firming and fishing.

On the claimant being asked if that statement was true, he said it was false, but that it was i grants from the Chinese Government.

The Chief Jistice- But not to tell a lot of

Mr. Sharp, proceeding with his argument, as his legal cased He had supported his claim by a forged latter or a letter which there was the very stronged possible reason for believing to be forged, angalso by a mistranslation; and he submitted no sympathy could be extended to a claim of that character. He asked their Lordships to sayathis was a mere licence for fishing, to reverse the decision of the Land Court, and to say that this land belonged to the Crown and that the respondent had only shown himself entitled ton fishing licence from year to year revocable & the will of the Gevernment

The Chief Jusice said it had been shown prima facie on the part of the Crown that the Land Court was fisted by certain documents placed before them and a map which was assumed to be genuine imp giving the claimant au absolute title to a lyge area of foreshore. He understood him to ky he know nothing about the matter personal, but got these papers from his father. Had to claimant anything to say in support of his clim?

The claimant sailin reply that it was stated in his petition to the San On magistrate that he land was for the urposes of a dock.

The Chief Justie remarked that he was informed that it will a fishing-station and not a dock that was miltioned in the document. In his polition, too, be claiment stated that he had long resided in lowloon, making farming and fishing his occupation. That was simply

The claimant answered that that was the siyle followed in maing such applications to the Chinese Government.

The Chief Justice hid a man who wanted a dock would not puttate his petition that he passed his time in figing and farming. He, skilful engineer.

The claimant repeat that the word " dock" was in his petition.

he Attorney-General pointed out that in the letter from the Vicerca the words "pools for catching fish " were wid. The Land Court rejected the word "dod

the Chief Justice asid the claimant why he did not make the dock &

The claimant stated the there would have been difficulties with the Culoms, and they had not sufficient money to start he company.

The Attorney-Gaught claimant's solicitors had etired from the case. Being asked how this appened, claimant said he had no money to paymem.

The Chief Justice agressing the claimant said it was alleged that he of his letters was a forgery. If he knew ithwas genuine he ought to have got the San On a gistrate, who was said to have written the lettesto sign on affidavit to that effect. The Crown do not dispute that he had at one time certain fising rights for which he pertained to the claimant. It was not sug-

complete and register his reclamation within | prid \$5 a year and he should get compensation for | gested that there was any official sent to this six years. He had got to use his licence, other- that. That would be the proper judgment to wise it was tak n away from him. It was also give, leaving the Land Court to assess the important to observe that these licences to value. This, his Lordship went on to say, was to have taken that map as if it had been proved reclaim were until the year 1886 in the gift | an appeal from a jadgment of the Land Court | delivered on 7th December on the claim of Ho Lup Pan. The Land Court found that on 27th November, 1891, a concession co-ering an area of 600 odd mow of land was granted by the San On Magistrate to the respondent. They pointed out that a rent of \$5 was to be paid annually | given a little undub weight to this document as till reclamation and there was to be an appropriate tax. They seemed to have chiefly gone i on the consideration of the Exhibits C. E. and II, because they said on consideration of these exhibits it seemed clear that the

as well as land covered by water. They did not say in the judgment at what the concesssion was. When they turned to the documents referred to they found the first. Cf. was the certificate which purported to be a cortificate of title granted in 1891 by the magistrate of Sau Oq. To some what that certificate meant it was advisable in the first place to consider the petitibe which was made and to look at the worls of it. It that in his opinion the person ments. The oral evidence amounted to nothing sented a petition stating that he led long back rent-which, it was perfectly clear, was legan by saying that the chainant proat all. The chimnest said be knew nothing resided in Kowloon making farming and fishing done with a view to making a claim -must have his occupation. Mr. Ho imp Pun now said acted in a way that he did not at all consider tions, but when asked, what he had to say for that he never did reside at Kowloon and never |

was clear therefore that at the very inception of \

to the magistrate. Then it went on to say

that he found adjacent to where he was residing (that is, adjacent to Kowloon, where he was not (residing) there was a zone of seashore which was Government waste and not private property and that it was a fit place to eatch lish and put a station up. When this claim was before the Land Court the claimant translated this into "a fit place to make a dock." He could, only say it was difficult to see why he said he ; was a man who made fishing his occupation if he wanted to put a dock up, and he understood, that on consideration, before the Land Court made their judgment, the translation was found to be inaccurate and it was translated as it now was, "to put a station up," that was, a matshed ! or even a pool for keeping fish. At any rate, word "dock." It was no use opening that stopping of his fishing rights which were Land Court that it was meant for a station. That was one of the considerations upon which

evidence to show that it had ever been worth more than that to him. He thought the decision of the Land Court must be reversed they gave their judgment. Then came the certificate of title. In accordance with the the magistrate had the power to grant terms of this cortificate he was to take upon of \$5. It was clear to his mind that what the magistrate intended to grant by that was three years and to have the reclamation com, something suited to the application, which was , that of a fisherman for the rights of catching fish on a piece of land which he represented as close by the place he lived. It was not adjacent to where he lived but he got his licence and the magistrate gave him a fishing licence at \$5 a year. Some years after that, in 1898, the cession of the New | Territory was effected by treaty and no doubt many ingenious persons saw that there was a necessary to gethrough a lot of forms in getting | magnificent field open for them to make claims | value under the Chinese Government but which were of very great value as so n as the the land

was taken over and the f reshore on the other side became a part of the foreshere abutting on Hongkong Harbour. The temptation must said there was to question of moral hardship in have been very great to some ingenious persons the case. Claimant's moral case was as weak to make every sort of claim they possibly could in order to increase such rights as they had-small rights like fishing-into claims for | absolute ownership of the land. In this case the claim put forward was for \$50,000, and only \$5 a year was being paid for it. Not until after the cession was contemplated was it thought worth while to pay up the back rent, \$5 for six years. Having done that the claim was put in under the treaty to have the whole foreshore held under an

absolute title and to be paid for if they did not get a title of that description by the ratep yers of Hongkong, in the sum of \$50,000 for the payment of back rant of \$30. It would be certainly a scheme which would present enormous attractions. They had seen so far that the magistrute had granted fishing rights to the man, who falsely represented himself to be a fisherman on a piece of coast which he falsely represented to be adjacent to where he lived. That claim would have been met by very small compensation especially as it appeared from the expert evidence put in that a fishing licence of that kind was revocable (the cent being paid annually) by the magistrate in any year, certainly on

year's notice -he did not know whether it could be done in less. It would not do to go to the Land Court and ask large compensation for such a licence. It wanted a very strong propping up to give it another meaning altogether. That propping up appeared by the document.E1, which purported to be a notice from the San On megistrate stating that as soon as the hills had been opened up into fields and the sea beach reclaimed the amount of land that was acquired should be at once reported to | the district magistrate; that measurements would be made according to law and additional taxes levied on the fields and lands according to the scale of taxation. In the first place it was alleged that this was a forgery. He did not think any evidence had been given before the Land Court or there that it was written by the magistrate or came from him. So far from that. being the case it was stated distinctly and clear

that there was no evidence of it to be found in the yamen. That would make it extrem ly suspicious. The document itself was not consistent with the petition for making a dock would be more likely bont in that he was a which, he understood. He Lap Pan said was originally intended, because it spoke, of "as soon as the hills have been opened into fields." You did not make fields for the purpose of making a dock. Again, it was inconsistent with the other document Cl. Why the magistrate, having graded this fishing licence, should on the very same day write to him and speak about the hills being opened up into fields was inconciovable. This document, was absolutely inconsitent with the other prisonment. document although it purported to be issued by the same man on the same day. In the absence

in the truth of it. The claim was delayed for same being Crown property. He had no des bearing the intense cold of Tibet very successsix weeks to allow the claimant or his solicitors mentioned that to bring forward any evidence they wished. They had known all along that this document was impugned and they had had and extra six weeks besides the two or three months that elapsed before the case came on last time to find out whether the magistrate declared the document to be a genuine one from himself. No such evidence was forthcoming and therefore he could not place any reliance on that document. The third document they relied on was a map, the whole value of which was a Chinese inscription along part of the coast line to the effect that that part of the coast

of the whole Coluny. The Land Court appeared quite well understand that the Land Court, having such an enormous number of claims before it did not feel itself bound to require such absolute proof as would be required in the Sapremo Court. At the same time he c u d not help thinking that the Land Court had they had no evidence showing where it o mo and as anybody would be perfectly

they pleased, to write anything they liked. They had no proof that it was approved by the magistrate. He was hound to say he had some sympathy for the difficulties of the learned gentleman who had | to preside in the Land Court. In the Supreme Court they had many advantages that the t and Court did not possess. They had a learned exposition of the law of China by gentlemen weil qualified to express an opinion upon it. He did not think the Land Court had these advantages, and was inclined to think the Land Court trusted a little too much to the good faith of the claimant in this case. He was willing to take it from Mr. Ho Lap Pun that he really knew nothing about this and got the papers from his father, but he was bound to say made farming and fishing his occupation. It Court had been imposed upon by a document which was probably traudulent and certainly this position there was a salse statement made had no operative force. In his opinion the judgment should have been that certain fishing rights had been granted for a certain area (the exact amount not being very clearly stated) to this claimant, that the value was estimated by himself and the Chinese Government at \$5 a year when they were granted and chat it appeared to the Court he had made no use or extremely little use of these rights, which were revocable. It seemed to him monstrous that upon a claim of \$5 a year for fishing rights a man should come before the Land Court and ask that he be awarded \$50,000 for such a claim. He was not saying that if he had a freehold upon the land and had gone up enormously in value he would not have been entitled to get the unearned increment, but in this case it did not appear that he had any such title at all. All he could ask it was not a dock in the modern sense of the compensation for was the taking away, the o iginally worth \$5 a year. There had been no

> and they should say that probably he had the fishing rights-nothing more. The Puisne Judge concurred.

Costs were allowed. The Court adjourned at 1.15 p.m. After luncheon the Court heard another appeal against a judgment of the Land Court allowing the claim of Lam Tseung Fuk and Lam Tak Fuk to absolute ownership of sand banks along the sea beach in front of Kowloon | City and Chinwan valued at \$35,000. The Attorney-General having addressed the

Their Lordships reversed the decision of the Land Court and allowed costs. -Thet Court rese.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 4th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN.

To Kwong, a youthful hawker, was arraigned before His Worship on the charge of hawking vegetables without a licence. There was a further charge against him of tearing the uniform trousers of E. Rogers, Inspector of Markets. The accused admitted the charge of hawking without a liceuse, but said the complainant's trousers were torn by his

falling against the curb-stone. It was proved in evidence that the defendant pushed the complainant down so violently as to cause the rent complained of. In the course of this case His Worship asked if the defendant was one of those who had signed a petition protesting against the severity of the magistrate's sentences. Defendant admitted he was, and also admitted that the petition described the signatories as "law-abiding | citizens." He had also heard of a threatening letter sent to His Worship's colleague warning sentencing the Chinese to hours in the stocks of a certain meaure of prosperity in the Co onics he would be out of the world in a month. That letter was signed with a r presentation of

The defendant was fined \$5 for hawking. without a licence, \$15 for compensation for the damage done to the complainant's tronsers, and ordered three hours' stocks.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE. Olaf Johnson, a Swede, semman on the American steamer Himera, was charged with being drunk and incapable in Queen's Road, further with assaulting E. Williams, He admitted being drunk, but throughout the East. remember unything about the assault. was fined 35 for being drank and incapable, and \$20 for the assault on P.C. Thomas Taylor, of the same steamer, Himera, was also drunk and incapable, on two successive nights, and was fined \$5. Leonard Mursh, a seaman, memp'oyed, was drunk and incapable in Queen's Road. He said he was trying to find his residence, Zetland House, but was too drunk. He was fined \$3. Chan Jun So, a ship's compradore, at present unemployed, was charged with being drunk and

CRUELTY TO FOWLS. Chan Sing, a house-boy, employed at the Whitfield Barracks, was charged with cruelty to admitted having done so, and had nothing to returned and some supplies are being furnished. fowls by plucking them alive. The defendant say. He was fined \$20, or 21 days' im-

STEALING CROWN PROPERTY. Wong I, master of junk No. 114H, was charged with removing a large quantity of sand

THEFT OF SUGAR. The master and fourteen lightermen lighter No. 7 were charged with stealing 120 bags of sugar, valued at \$1,548, which they had ; loaded in their boat for the purpose of earrying the same to owner's godowns. Evidence of the arrest of the men was taken, and the case was remanded.

THEFT OF TYPE, Wah Lung, a delivery coolie, in the employ

of the South China Morning Post Co. Ld., was charged with stealing type to the value of \$100, the property of his employers. Six months' hard labour was the result.

MARINE COURT.

Monday, 4th January.

BEFORE THE HON. BAS L'TAYLOR (ACTING) MARINE MAGISTRATE).

AN ARTYUL JUNK-MAN.

Police-Sergt. James B ker yesterday charged Lo Chi Li, master of the licersed junk Chi Li (No. 8,438 H.), with wilfully disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master on the 2nd inst, in the waters of the colony, contrary to sub-section 19 of section 39 of Ordinance 36 of 1899.

The defendant pleading not guilty, the complainant was sworn. He deposed that on the morning of the day in question he was on the War Department-launch Alexandra keeping the Stonecutter's range clear for firing when the defendant's junk crossed the line on to range. He (complainant) ordered the junk back, and the junk went back, but while he (complainant) was after another junk, the de fendant's junk ngaighterorsed the range. Complainant chased him and made him stop, though he would not stop at first. Complainant spoke enough Chinese to make defendant understand; the coxwain also spoke in Chinese, Defendant did not desire to ask any ques-

I was asleep." The Hou. Basil Taylor convicted him \$5 1

P. & O. S. N. CO.

The annual report for the year ended 30th September shows that including £11,069 brought forward, the total income amounted to £3,163,455, and after meeting working charges, paying Debenture interest, and transferring £250,000 to reserve, the net surplus was a £219,997. This allows of the payment of the interest on the Preferred Steck and the distribution of dividends and a bonus upon the Deferred Stock equal to 13 per cent, for the year, leaving £11,197 to be carried forward. The cost of the large vessels recently constructed. has caused some consideration as to the method been carried out by the company itself. The directors considered that the best course to strengthen the reserve by carrying £250,000 to its credit, raising the total to £1,250,000. Ample particulars are supplied of the new charter which has been granted to the company, an important provise of which is that the company shall remain a British concern in name and in reality. The condition of the freight market has been notoriously and universally unfavourable during the past year, and the receipts under this head have shrunk in com--parison with last year to the extent of £66,000. considerably larger, but for certain exceptional work. The Indian trade has, so far as the bulk is concerned, been on the whole good, but the rates have been extremely low. The heavy fall in the silver exchange interfered greatly with the trade between India, China, and Japan, but arrived from Hamburg on the 3rd. on the other hand, the China-Japan line running from London did quite as well as last year. The Australian business marked a further decline, owing to the effect of the prolonged drought. The passenger returns show a decrease of £51,627, which is mostly due to the reduction effected in the fares by the removal of the 10 per cent, surtax (imposed at the time when a coal rose to an exceptional figure), and to the

advantage accorded to the public by the extension of time for return tickets to a period of two years. There has been, however, a slight | failing off in the receipts from the high point reached two years ago, which is almost entirely due to diminished traffic with the Australian Colonies. It is to be hoped that the recovery favourable reaction so far as shipping interests in general are concerned. The most prominent feature in connection with the expenditure side of the account is a reduction in the cost of ceal to the extent of £91,961, which is due in a great, measure to the low freights which have at the same time influenced the company's returns unfavourably, as pointed out above. Labour charges still continue on a very high scale

LATE TELEGRA S.

THE TIBETAN MISSION.

-[VIA RANGOUN]

Calcutta, 15th December. A Press communiqué issued this evening The Tibet Mission, with escort, crossed the Jeylap Pass and arrived at Rinchingong on the 13th December without opposition. The and incapable, and \$25 for the assault on the gate in the wall built across the road at Yatung Tibetan officials requested the British Commissioner not to pass through they subsequently gave him a dinner and the meeting was friendly The women who had left their homes have

A Bankipere correspondent writes :- The maidan there is a sight at present. Crowds of elikas of all sorts and sizes are swarming about the place. They are being purchased for Sikkim. It is reported that the Indian troops are and a number of bullocks of the Teesta Valley re reported to be suffering from disease, while number of yaks from Nepal have also fallen sick. It is understood that Colonel Young-

has taken on the 23rd Pioneers, half a con pany of Madras Sappers and Miners, a section of No. 8 British Artillery, the machinefield hospitals. The country new reached is manoeuvres in the Atlantic, says :- The British described as the Upper Kulu Valley. One of Navy is in a splendid state of efficiency. The the reasons given for the secrecy observed in target practice is excellent, the drill is excellent. regard to the Tibet Mission is that Government has reason to telieve that there are many Tibetan emissaries in Calcutta.

Owing to the Groat Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we a requested by them to Resum Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on their name on our behalf. From this date we will conti ue the Photographic business at the

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

Allahabad, 17th December. with half a company of Madras Sappers, two ] mountain guns and Maxim detachment of the Norfolk Regiment. Colonel Younghusband's personal escert is 500 men. A BAD VOYAGE.

London, 16th December. The Canarder Umbria encountered terrible weather on her voyage to New York. emigrants on board were panic-stricken and uncontrollable.

London, 16th Docember.

Gigantic preparations are being made for the Gordon-Bennett motor race at Taunus in Ger-

LOSDON EDUCATION. London, 16th December.

The education fight in London is becoming more bitter every day, and many bishops are actively participating. SOMALILAND.

Allahabad, 15th Peccuber. Despite the pancity of news from Somuliland there is reason to believe that a good doul more has occurred in the interior than has vet been made public. Whether or not General Egerton is waiting for the arrival of the Abysainians in the Hand for an advance in force, there has undoubtedly been already a considerable movement of troops along the Berbera-Bohotle line, and the fact that the Mullah's forces should be heard of at Damot and vudug would seem to imply that he is already beginning to feel the pressure of General Egerton's force. Great secrecy is being preserved as to the present operations, and so careful are the authorities that of insurance which for the last 50 years has, no news shall leak out that no person is allowed to remain in socialiland unless he is furnished with the necessary credentia's. Only the other day an enterprising officer from South Africa pureue was to centime this practice, but to was unceremoniously packed off from Berbera whither he had journayed in the vain hope of getting some appointment.

WEATHER OUTSIDE. Arrivals from all quarters report moderate

monsoon and fine. THE "EILEN RICKMERS." The return of the N.D.L. s.s. Woukoi is looked for before hoaring further as to how the N.D.L.s.s. Ellen Rickmers came to go ashore The deficiency would in fact have been on the Paracels, a dangerous shoul situated some 350 miles or so from Hongkong. The Wongkoi, with Mr Krobs, superintendent of earnings, especially in the direction of transport the N.D.L., left for the wreck on the 1st inst. It would take the Wongkoi about a day and a half to get there.

Included in the H. A. Linie s.s. Alesia's cargo THE FAVOURITE BRANDY OF THE are 1,000 cases of cartridges. The Alesia

N. D. L COASTERS. Of the eight Rickmers Line steamers purchased by the Norddenischer Lloyd, two of them (the building of which is not yet completed) will be put into the Lloyd's Manila service (Singapo: e-Labuan-Manila). The acquisition of the Rickmers boats and of those of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company and the Holt. Line purchased about two years ago. ruises the number of the Norddentscher Lloyd's coasting fleet in East Asiatic waters to fifty-six, HONGKONG RIVER-STEAMERS.

Hongkong river-steamers, which carry tourists and others up the great river of South China, are like in style, though far more modern than the o'd Mississippi-river steamers, with light draught and three dreks. SHIPPING AT AMOY.

Vessels at Amoy on the 30th ult, were :- Br. steamers Anhui, Glenfallach, Hong Bee, and Tangeliow; Amer. 8.8. Tayabas; Dutch 8.9. since the drought ceased, will tend to a Simongan; Br. harque Osuku; H. M. gun-boat Japaneso cruiser Akitsushima and German gun-boat Luchs,

JAPANESE STANDING SQUADBON.

To facilitate the movements of warships in the event of an emergency, Vice-Admiral Togo, Commander in Chief of the Japanese Standing Squadron, has now divided the squadron into three fleets and one flotilla. The first fleet comprises the battleships Hatause, Shikishima, Asahi, Fuji, Mikasa, and Yashima, and is commanded by Rear-Admiral Nashiba on the Shikishima; the second fleet is formed by the a moured cruisers Idanno, Yakumo, Adanna, Asama, Tokiwa and Iwate, having Rour-Admiral Kamimura, on the Idzumo, as commander; and the third fleet is under the ermmand of Rear-Admiral Dewa, who hoists his flag on the Chilose, and has the cruisers Chitose, Yoshino, Ka agi, Takasago, Suma, and Akushi The flotilla is composed of 19 destroyers. The strength of the squadron is now estimated at 16-,234 tons displacement. "THE BEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET."

The Ocean has apparently last her laurels to the Majestic. We note in a home contemporary that letters have reached England describing some spendid shooting by the Mojestic, flagship promptly executed.
of Lord Charles Beresford, at the recent prize Hongkong. 7th Au firing of the Channel Fleet at Gibraltar. The flagship made twenty-three hits for thir y-seven rounds with her four 12-in. guns, obliterating all previous records, as the Ocean, hitherto the best ship, made only seventeen hits in the same The Majestic is thus, so far as her 12 inch guns are concorned, not only the most rapid firing, but the most rapid hitting ship in the service. When the Majestic was last in home waters her gunnery lieutenant, with the full encouragement of Lord Charles Beresford, took in haud a complete overhaul of the gunsights, which he found to be gravely defective, but which he had ingenuity enough to put into complete working order.

THE BRITISH NAVY. Col. R. M. Thompson, U.S.A., a guest of Lord Charles Beresford during the recent The esprit de corps is as near perfect as any. thing can ba. . . No combination of navies, for example, could by any endeavour

I make so effective a single fleet. There would It is not intended, the Pioncer understands, be a lot of disjointed units. Their cealing to add any British troops to the escort of the stations and cables all the world over give the The troops which | British a great advantage. Their fleets would are actually at Rinching ag are the 23rd be able to keep at sea longer than those of any Pioneers, four companies of the Sth Gurkhas, other Power. I believe England could bottle up the Red Sea by her fortification; at Aden. so that no enemy could slip through unless by steelth, or perhaps by getting a start before hostilities opened, or by some subterfuge. CANADA AND THE NAVY.

> Natal, Cape, Colony, New Zealand, and the Commonwealth of Australia have respectively voted liberal appropriations toward the support of the British navy. India is providing in a minor way for its own neval needs, but its vessels are of an inferior class. Canada has not yet undertaken to pay any of the British navy's expenses and it has been so disgruntled ovethe Alaska boundary decision that it has no inr climation to do so at present .- San Francisco Chronicte.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS. The Imperial German mal steamer Sachsen left Singapore on Saturday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on the 7th inst., at noon. The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer Pleiades sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd inst. for Japan

ports and Port Arthur. The Boston Tow Boat Col's steamer, Lyra. from Tacoma, arrived at Manile on the 1st just The N.Y.K. stenmer Tamba Mara (European Line) left Shanghai for this port yesterday, and

is expected here on the 7th inst. The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Keemun left Singapore yesterday, and is due here on the

### WEATHER REPORT

The Uongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-On the 4th at 11.55a. The barometer has

risen over China and S. Japan. The an jeyclone is still central over N. China, and pressure remains low over NE. Japan. Gradients rather steep with very strong monsoon along the China coast and over the N. part. of the China Sea.

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FINE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be ITTHE Steamship CARRIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8, a QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Connuight House Hotel.

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'R. T. MATHESON. Wei-Hui-Wei. Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND M. R'. GAG & COMPANY, LD.

the Company will be held at the OFFI ES of | will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown the Company, 14, Des Voux Road, on on and after the 4th instant. FATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at II o'clock and, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of a counts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st to be left in the Godowns, where they will be December, 903, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSF R B OKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1904, to SATURDAY, the 16th | be subject to rent.

January, 1904, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

NOTIFICATION. CHINESE INDEMNITY OF 1901.

N instalment of 25 percent of the Certifigure amount is hereby declared payable on Coupen "D" of Certificates issued in INTHE H.A.L. Steamship payment of British Private Claims under the provisions of the Notification of 1.th June, 1902. Coupons are rayable at the Office of the Captain Schönfeld, having arrived from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bankeng Corporation, above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby 31 I ombard Street, London, and negotiable at requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Branches and Agencie. Hongkong and China. countersignature by the Undersigned and to H. M. BEVIS.

British Delegate. Changhai, 4th January, 1904.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NEORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that 15-Pr. B. L. GUN.PRACTICE will be carried out from close to the 3rd Mile Stone under Mount Davis in a South-Westerly direction at Ranges from 8 0 to 1800 yards.

Practice will commence at 4 P.M. on SATURDAY, January 9t, if the range clear.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office. wengkong, 4th January, 1904.

WNERS of HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria family shall, unless specially exempted by the Limited, at Kowloon. Board be CLEANSED and LIME WASHED

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the subject to rent. necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute | the 9th January, or they will not be recognised. any owner in default after the 29th February. Note.-The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows :-THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY IN BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY Batavia, Cheribon, Samurang, Sourabaya and GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT Macassar.

during the months of January and February.

STREET, The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through ; the Yaumati service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order. G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office. 4th January, 190 . EOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LYRA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-HAMA, AND KOBE. ARGO ex the above Steamer having arrived, at Kobe per "Hongkong Maru," Con signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the latter steamer. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel anded and stored at Consignees' risk

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"SACHSEN. OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain Pesch, due here with the outward German Muit about THURSDAY, at Noon, will leave for the above places about 12/24 hours

after arrival. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents. Hongkong, 4th January, 1904. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

"GREGORY APUAR! Captain J. G. Olifent, will be despatched for the [128] above ports on FRIDAY, the Stn inst., at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are which now include the new steamers Moldavia, to be left in the Godowns, where they will be Mongolia and Marmora. examined on the 11th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 4th January, 1904. JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LIJN.

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T. F. HOUGH. Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. TENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON.

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April 9th S.S. Mongolia April 23rd S.S. China S.S. Bengal May 7th S.S. Himalaya S.S. Malta May 21st S.S. Marmora Good accommedation can be arranged, on booking, in the connecting steamers at Colombo.

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E. A. HEWETT. Enperintendent. Hongkong, 9th December, 1903.

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. L. M. H. BOISSEREE to Sign our Firm from this date. LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO.

BOISSEREE to Sign our Firm Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

TA /R. HARRY W. HINE is authorised to Sign our Firm by procuration from ROWE & CO.

NOTICE.

Canton, 1st January, 1904. · NOTICE. FETHE PARTNERSHIP between Mr.

VICTOR H. DEACON and myself having expired I shall carry on my business in future at No 2, WYNDHAM STREET, (Old German Club premises). JOHN HASTINGS. Pongkong, 4th January, 1904.

NOTICE. THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between myself and Mr. JOHN HASTINGS having been dissolved by effluxion

of time, my business will in future be carried on under the Firm name of DEACON LOOKER and DEACON. VICTOR H. DEACON, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

NOTICE.

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BY GUY BOOTHBY.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] Hamburg, lat December. About a fortnight ago the Rreux Zeitung, the organ of the conservative and agrarian parties in this country, made the somewhat startling announcement that Government was contemplat. advancing from day to day. I have repeatedly ing the re-imposition of river dues and tolls; expressed my conviction in your columns that [81] these were abolished in 1871, seet, 54 of the new a low range of values must not be expected this constitution of the German Empire guaranteeing season, as unless the American crop turned out free navigation of all rivers, but allowing dues to be a monster one every bale of it would be to be levied in the case of artificial waterways wanted. It appears now that the exhaustion of sufficient to cover the interests on the initial the stocks of yarns and goods everywhere outlay and the cost of maintenance. The caused by the adoption of short time by spin-[77 | Kreez Zeitung now argues that larg; rivers | ners all over the world during the summer and such as the Rhine, the Elbe, the Weser, and | early autumn was greater than anyone had dared others can no longer be considered natural, as the annual expenditure for improving been done within the last few months in yarns able condition is great enough to justify their ing in from all quarters; China alone is stated being treated as canals and tells being exacted. It was at first believed that the wish was father to the thought, as the trade in foreign foodstuffs with the interior, which is the great bugbear of the agrarians, is greatly facilitated by the cheap river freights. But in spite of a carefully-wordel efficial disclaimer, it is now supposed to have been a feeler stretched out by the Government, all the more as sect, 54 has not in the past been strictly adhered to, for in 1886 the Reichstag granted permission to the State of Bromen to [76] by trying dues on all vessels arriving from helped to drive up prices; whether it has not carry out the deepening of the channel of the

lower Elbe, which is urgently needed. Be this as it may, the Chamber of Commerce of Cologne has placed sufficient are tener in the report of weigh heavily on the markets no serious set-back the Kreuz Zeitung to address a remonstrance need be apprehended. Most people look for to the Minister of Commerce in Berlin, in very much higher prices in the course of the which it is pointed out that the remarkable development of a great many towns on the banks of the Rhine is chiefly due to the abolition of the tolls levied formerly by the riverain states, and of beer was greatest in the Fatherland; it apthat a re-imposition of the same would by hampering trade materially affect their further progress Other Chambers of Commerce, those of Dresden and Strassburg for instance, have followed suit in protesting against a measure tending to increase the cost of water carriage, whilst many commercial and industrial associations have expressed their strong disapproval. The latest manifestation in that direction was made at a meeting of workman employed in the ironworks and other factories in Dusseldorf, which shows 174 that the agitation is reaching all classes. The Press is almost unanimous in its condemnation of the idea; a few conservative papers form the only exception; one of them, the Post,

perceiving the unpopularity of river tolls suggests in their stead a stamp duty on'river boats which have so far been exemple; this would [78] be rather a elever evasion of the law, but it is not supposed that the Government would lend itself to such a subterfuge. American papers are drawing attention to the increase in the re-emigration from the States; thousands of workmen who had come over with-

ing the last year or so, hoping to find remunerative employment, are now returning to their native countries for want of work. 30,000 are said to have left already, and the demand for steernge passages continues at a rate which the steamer companies find it hard to meet. They have raised the fares, and are reaping a splendid harvest. The numerous strikes in the mining and other industries, by compelling many works

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But to turn to other matters, I have always been under the impression that the consumption pears, however, from recent statistics that Great Britain takes the lead, the figures per head of the population being respectively 31 gall, and 27 gall. The British Club in this city, of which Sir William Ward, H.B.M. Consul-General, is the chairman, gave its first winter entertaiument on Friday last, the 27th ult. It consisted of two short plays performed by the younger members of the colony, followed by supper and a dance, the latter being kept up until well into the small hours. In spite of the weather being most unpropitions, the attendance was good and the evening was generally pronounced a success.

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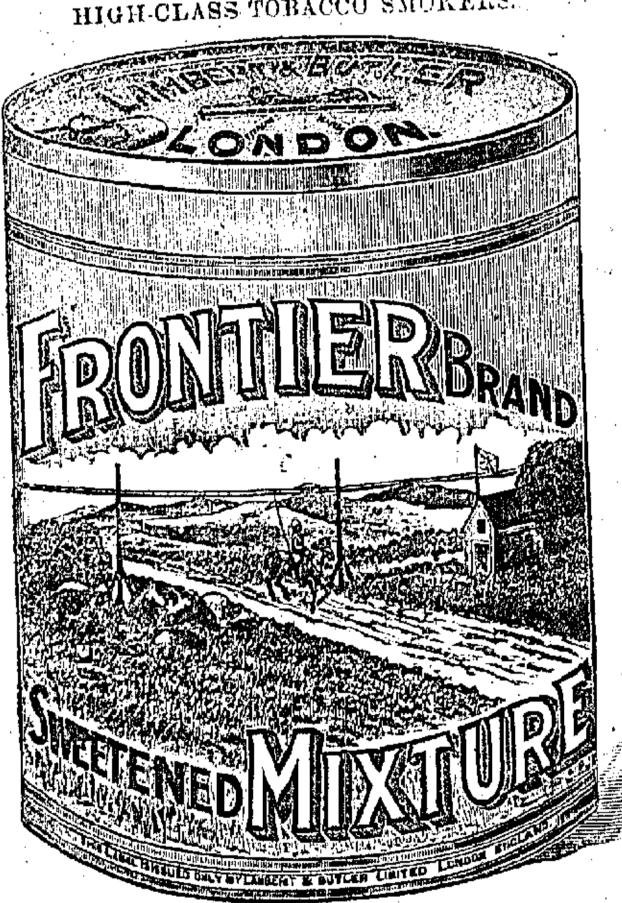
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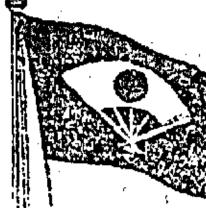
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Agent. Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

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"BADENIA," Captain Rörden, having arrived from the above ports. Consiguees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and t take immediate delivery of their Goods from

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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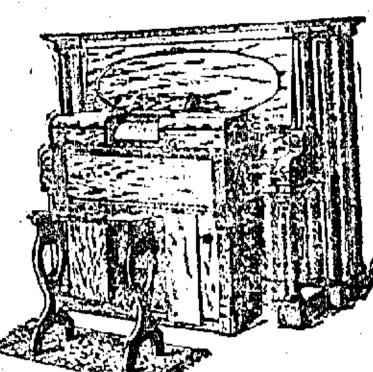
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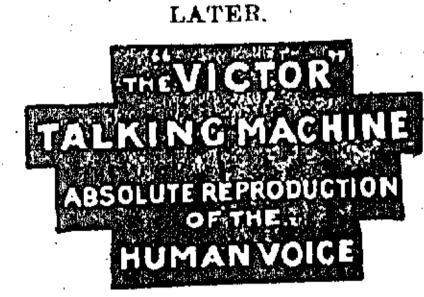
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